UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JOHN J. LAWLESS,

1:19-cv-16332-NLH

Petitioner,

MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER

v.

JOHN POWELL, et al.,

Respondents.

APPEARANCES:

John J. Lawless 670597/688460-B South Woods State Prison 215 South Burlington Road Bridgeton, NJ 08302 Petitioner pro se

HILLMAN, District Judge

WHEREAS, Petitioner John J. Lawless filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, see ECF No. 1; and WHEREAS, Respondents have moved to dismiss the petition as untimely, see ECF No. 6; and

WHEREAS, Petitioner has moved for permission to file a traverse in response, <u>see</u> ECF No. 7; and

WHEREAS, the Court interprets the motion as a request for additional time to file opposition to the motion to dismiss,

THEREFORE, IT IS on this 10th day of December, 2019

ORDERED that Petitioner's motion (ECF No. 7) is granted.

Petitioner may file opposition within 30 days of this order; and it is finally

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Order on Petitioner by regular first-class mail.

At Camden, New Jersey

s/ Noel L. Hillman NOEL L. HILLMAN, U.S.D.J.